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1. AT CCD PLENARY ON MARCH 10, US, UK, AND USSR REPS ALL MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS WELCOMING SWISS ADHERENCE TO NPT. US DEL PROVIDED COPY OF STATEMENT TO SWISS MISSION (SCHNEEBERGER).

2. THE TEXT OF US STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

YESTERDAY THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND DEPOSITED IN WASHINGTON, AND WITH THE OTHER DEPOSITARIES, ITS INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THE PLEASURE WITH WHICH MY GOVERNMENT WELCOMES SWITZERLAND AS A FULL PARTY TO THIS IMPORTANT TREATY.

WE ARE COGNIZANT OF THE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND EXAMINES TREATIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, BEFORE IT ADHERES TO THEM. THE NPT WAS NO EXCEPTION.

IN THIS RESPECT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT SWITZERLAND -- A HIGHLY ADVANCED COUNTRY WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUCLEAR INDUSTRY, AN INDEPENDENT NEUTRAL COUNTRY, ONE OF THE GREATEST PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACIES IN THE WORLD --

HAS CHOSEN TO RATIFY THE NPT AFTER EXTENSIVE PUBLIC DEBATE AND VERY CAREFUL STUDY. WE WOULD HOPE THAT SWITZEFLAND'S EXAMPLE MIGHT INFLUENCE OTHER STATES, NOT YET PARTIES TO THE NPT, TO REVIEW THEIR POSITION ONCE AGAIN, WITH THE SAME THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION AND SAME RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE AS SWITZERLAND. WE TRUST THAT, IF THEY DO, THEY WILL COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION, THAT ON BALANCE THE NPT IS IN THEIR LONG-TERM INTEREST, AND IN THE LONG-TERM INTEREST OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY AS A SHOLE.

ONCE AGAIN, MAY I STATE HOW WARMLY MY GOVERNMENT WELCOMES OUR HOST COUNTRY, SWITZERLAND, FOR JOINING OVER 100 OTHER STATES AS A PARTY TO THE NPT. END TEXT CATTO

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